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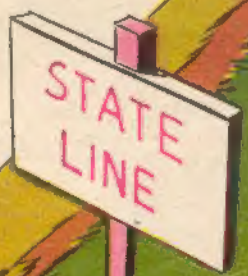
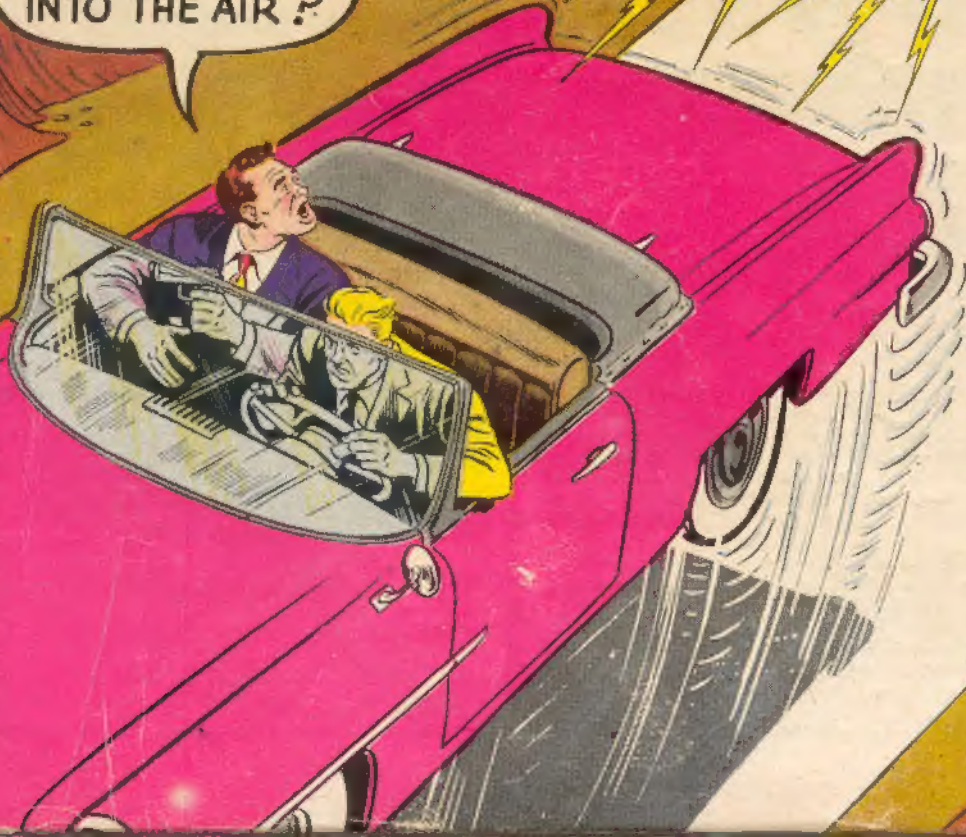
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SUPERMAN'S USING
HIS NEW POWER ON
US--WE CAN'T ESCAPE!

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IN THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET...
THINGS ARE QUITE NORMAL!

CLARK KENT, WHAT KIND OF
REPORTER ARE YOU, ANY-
WAY? GREAT CAESAR'S
GHOST--

ER-- WHAT
HAVE I DONE
NOW, PERRY?



YOU WROTE THAT
THIS SHARPIE JAY
VORRELL IS MASTER-
MINDING ROBBERIES
IN METROPOLIS--
YOU HAVEN'T ANY
PROOF, HAVE YOU?

NO-- BUT EVEN
SUPERMAN
HASN'T BEEN
ABLE TO GET
EVIDENCE YET
ON VORRELL!

AND I
SHOULD
KNOW,
BECAUSE
I AM
SUPERMAN!



MOMENTS LATER, CONCEALED BEHIND
A ROOFTOP SKYLIGHT...

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

PERRY, LISTEN TO
THIS FLASH FROM
PALODAR OBSERVATORY.
THAT JUST CAME OVER
THE WIRE: "A
SMALL COMET
WITH UNUSUALLY
POWERFUL MAGNETIC
CHARGE IS BEING
DRAWN TOWARD
EARTH!"

THAT SOUNDS
LIKE A JOB
FOR **SUPERMAN!**
I'LL TRY TO
GET WORD TO
HIM, LOIS!

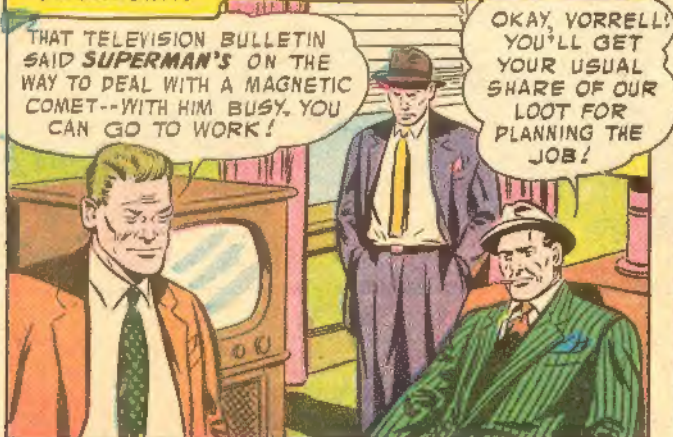
GETTING PROOF
AGAINST VORRELL
WILL HAVE TO
WAIT-- THAT
COMET IS A
REAL EMERGENCY!



ELSEWHERE IN METROPOLIS, JAY VORRELL, WHO PLOTS
JOBS FOR THIEVES, TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE
SITUATION...

THAT TELEVISION BULLETIN
SAID **SUPERMAN'S** ON THE
WAY TO DEAL WITH A MAGNETIC
COMET--WITH HIM BUSY, YOU
CAN GO TO WORK!

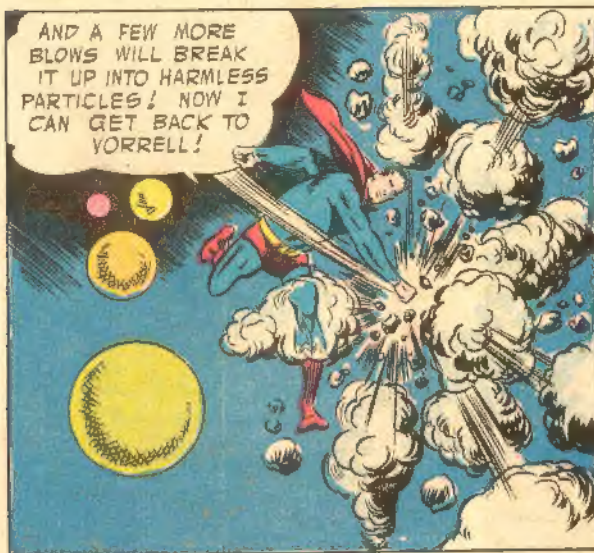
OKAY, VORRELL!
YOU'LL GET
YOUR USUAL
SHARE OF OUR
LOOT FOR
PLANNING THE
JOB!



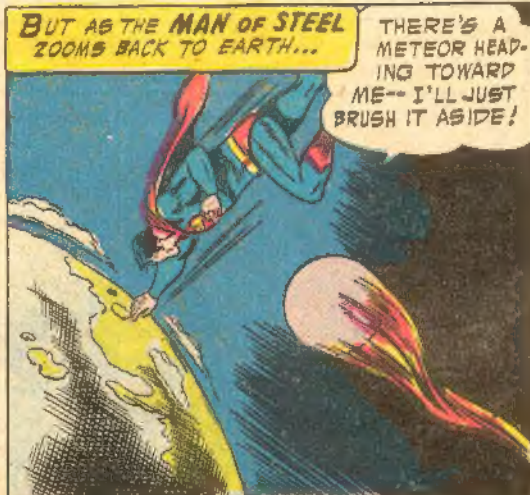
MEANWHILE, OUT IN SPACE, THE MAN
OF STEEL CHARGES THE ONRUSHING
COMET HEAD-ON.

THE COMET'S
SMALL SOLID CORE
CARRIES THE BIG
MAGNETIC CHARGE
THAT'S DRAWING
IT TOWARD
EARTH-- THIS'LL
DESTROY
THAT CORE!



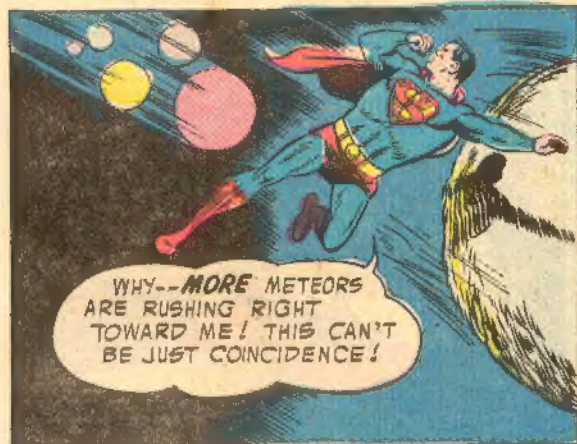


AND A FEW MORE
BLOWS WILL BREAK
IT UP INTO HARMLESS
PARTICLES! NOW I
CAN GET BACK TO
VORRELL!

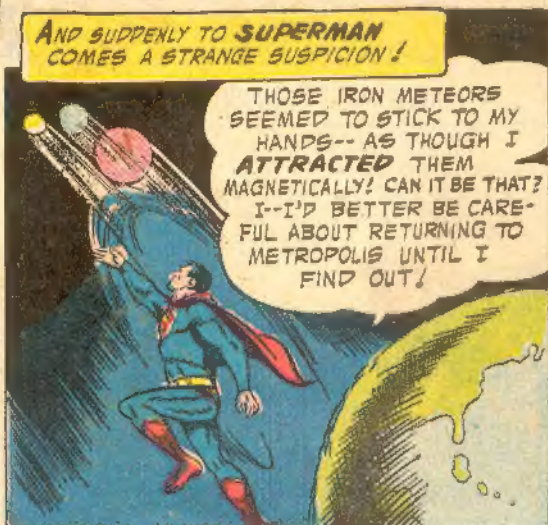


BUT AS THE MAN OF STEEL
ZOOMS BACK TO EARTH...

THERE'S A
METEOR HEAD-
ING TOWARD
ME-- I'LL JUST
BRUSH IT ASIDE!

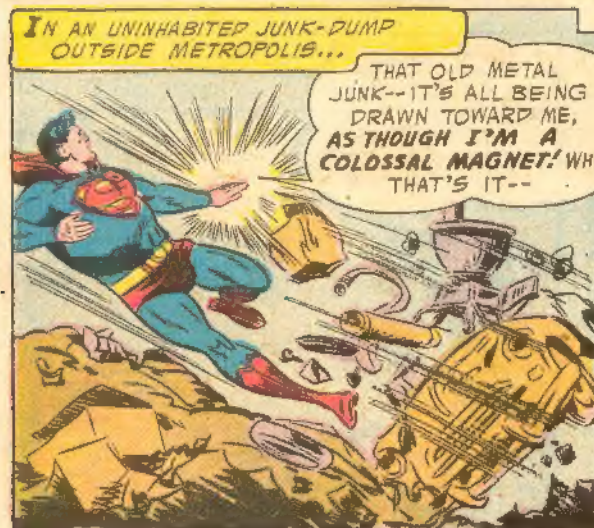


WHY--MORE METEORS
ARE RUSHING RIGHT
TOWARD ME! THIS CAN'T
BE JUST COINCIDENCE!



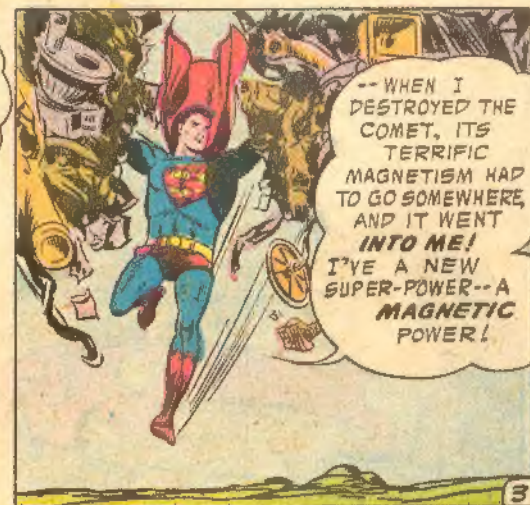
AND SUDDENLY TO SUPERMAN
COMES A STRANGE SUSPICION!

THOSE IRON METEORS
SEEMED TO STICK TO MY
HANDS-- AS THOUGH I
ATTRACTED THEM
MAGNETICALLY! CAN IT BE THAT?
I--I'D BETTER BE CARE-
FUL ABOUT RETURNING TO
METROPOLIS UNTIL I
FIND OUT!



IN AN UNINHABITED JUNK-DUMP
OUTSIDE METROPOLIS...

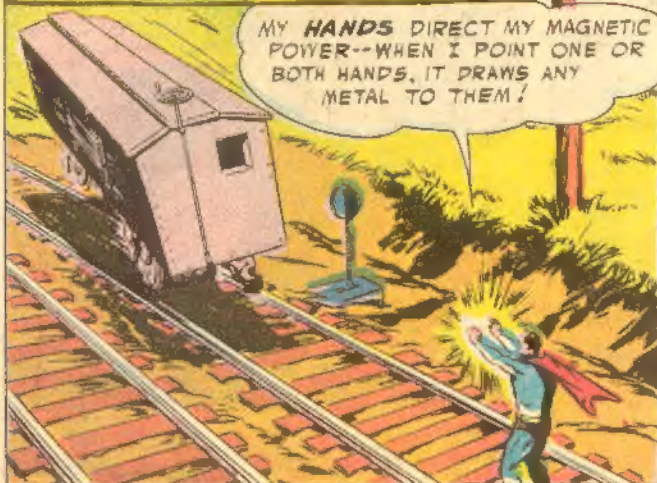
THAT OLD METAL
JUNK--IT'S ALL BEING
DRAWN TOWARD ME,
AS THOUGH I'M A
COLOSSAL MAGNET! WHY--
THAT'S IT--



--WHEN I
DESTROYED THE
COMET, ITS
TERRIFIC
MAGNETISM HAD
TO GO SOMEWHERE,
AND IT WENT
INTO ME!
I'VE A NEW
SUPER-POWER--A
MAGNETIC
POWER!

AWED BY HIS NEW ABILITY, SUPERMAN EXPERIMENTS WITH HIS NEW POWER...

MY **HANDS** DIRECT MY MAGNETIC POWER--WHEN I POINT ONE OR BOTH HANDS, IT DRAWS ANY METAL TO THEM!



WHEN I LET MY HANDS DOWN, THE MAGNETIC CHARGE FOCUSES ON EARTH ITSELF AND HAS NO EFFECT-- BUT WHAT WAS THAT? SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION IN DOWNTOWN METROPOLIS-- I'D BETTER SEE WHAT HAPPENED!



AND DOWNTOWN...

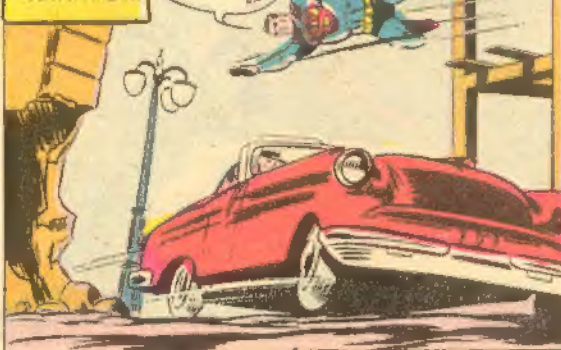
VORRELL'S PLAN WORKED FINE-- BLOWING UP THE CORNER OF THE UNOCCUPIED BUILDING WRECKED THE SAFE!

BUT IT WEAKENED THE FRAME AND THE BUILDING'S **SAGGING!** BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST WITH OUR LOOT!



AND AS THE MAN OF STEEL ARRIVES...

ROBBERS--AND THEY'RE GETTING AWAY! BUT I CAN'T CHASE THEM--HAVE TO KEEP THAT BUILDING FROM FALLING--



THEN, REMEMBERING HIS NEW SUPER-POWER...

WHAT'RE YOU GOING INTO REVERSE FOR? **SUPERMAN'S** BACK THERE!

I'M NOT REVERSING, I'M TRYING TO GO **AHEAD--** BUT **SUPERMAN'S** USING SOME NEW POWER TO DRAW US BACK!

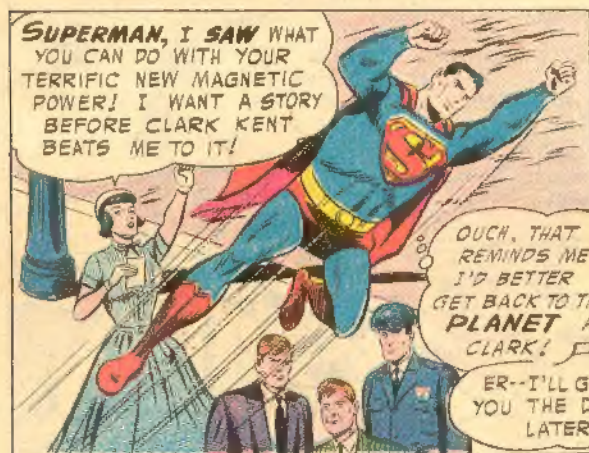
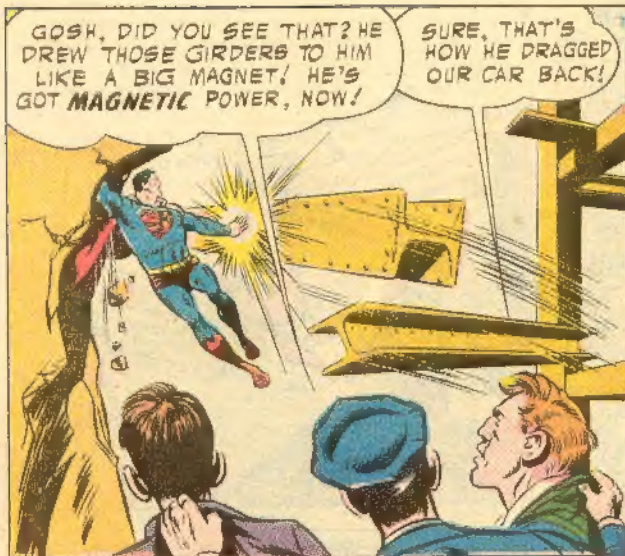


AND AS POLICE ARRIVE FAST...

WE'VE GOT THEM, **SUPERMAN**-- THANKS TO YOU! AND WE'LL SEND FOR GIRDERS TO PROP UP THIS BUILDING--

NO NEED TO-- I'LL BORROW GIRDERS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION JOB DOWN THE STREET, AND RETURN THEM LATER! STAND CLEAR, EVERYONE!





LATER, AS CLARK RESUMES HIS CHORE...

I MUST GET EVIDENCE AGAINST VORRELL BEFORE HE PLANS MORE THEFTS-- BUT MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS LOIS THERE USING HER SECRET DEVICE TO FOLLOW ME!



I KNEW YOU WERE HERE, MR. CLARK **SUPERMAN** KENT! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME NOW!

OUCH--SHE'S RIGHT--SHE CAN ALWAYS STICK CLOSE TO ME AS CLARK! YET I CAN'T HAVE HER AROUND WHEN I INVESTIGATE VORRELL!



BUT A NEW MENACE CONFRONTS THE MAN OF STEEL, AS HIS TELESCOPIC X-RAY VISION REVEALS...

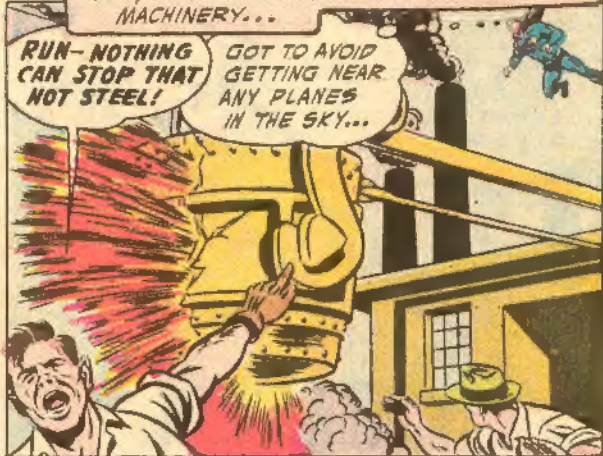
THE STEEL MILL--A LADLE HAS BROKEN AND MOLTEN STEEL WILL FLOOD THE WHOLE MILL! GOT TO GET THERE FAST--



AND AS **SUPERMAN** STREAKS ACROSS THE SKY, MOLTEN METAL MENACES MEN AND MACHINERY...

RUN--NOTHING CAN STOP THAT NOT STEEL!

GOT TO AVOID GETTING NEAR ANY PLANES IN THE SKY...



LOOK-- **SUPERMAN'S** USING HIS NEW MAGNETIC POWER TO ATTRACT ALL THE LIQUID STEEL TO HIM!

AND BEING INVULNERABLE, HE CAN'T BE HURT!



SECONDS LATER, HIGH IN THE SKY...

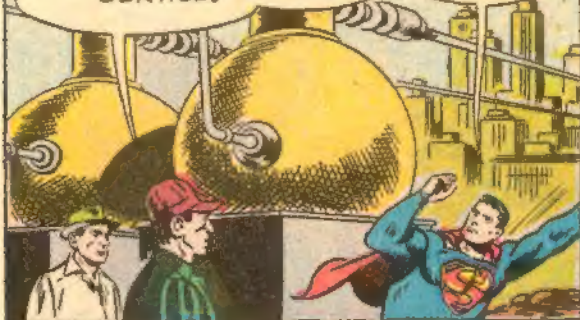
A QUICK TRIP TO THE STRATOSPHERE CHILLED AND SOLIDIFIED THIS STEEL! I'LL RETURN IT TO THEM AND THEN GO ON TO FIND VORRELL!



BUT NEWS OF SUPERMAN'S NEW POWER BRINGS SCATTERED CALLS FOR HELP!

WE WANT TO OVERHAUL THE DYNAMOS THAT PROVIDE CURRENT TO METROPOLIS, BUT DON'T WANT TO INTERRUPT ELECTRIC SERVICE!

I'LL SEE THAT IT KEEPS FLOWING WHILE YOU WORK!



AND THE MAN OF STEEL BECOMES A SUPER-DYNAMO!



NO WONDER HE CAN PROVIDE ELECTRIC CURRENT TO ALL METROPOLIS!

A MAGNET GOING AROUND A WIRE WILL **CREATE** ELECTRIC CURRENT--BUT **SUPERMAN'S** A **SUPER-MAGNET** BY REVOLVING AROUND THE MAIN POWER CABLE AT **SUPER-SPEED**!

AND AT A NEARBY MINING PROJECT...

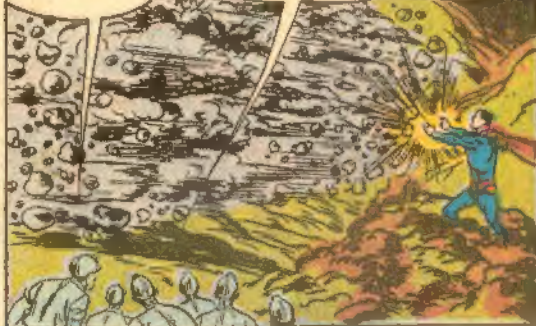
THE IRON ORE IN THAT MOUNTAIN IS BADLY NEEDED--YET IF WE BLAST IT OUT, THE EXPLOSION MIGHT DAMAGE ALL THE HOMES NEAR HERE!

STAND BACK, AND I'LL GET THE IRON ORE OUT THE **FAST WAY!**



WOW, LOOK AT HIM DRAW THE ORE OUT OF THERE!

HE'LL HAVE IT OUT IN **MINUTES**. AND IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN US MONTHS!



THEN, HIS JOBS FINISHED, SUPERMAN ZOOMS BACK TO METROPOLIS...

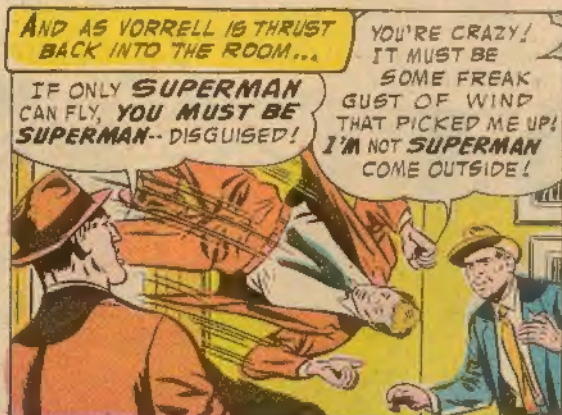


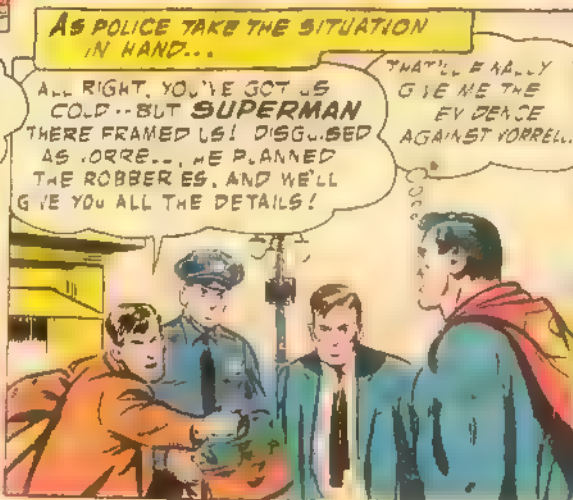
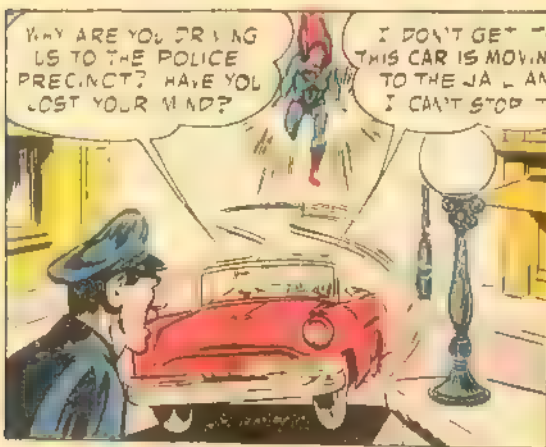
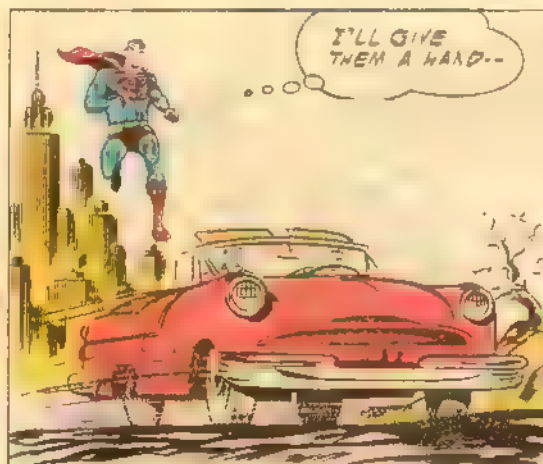
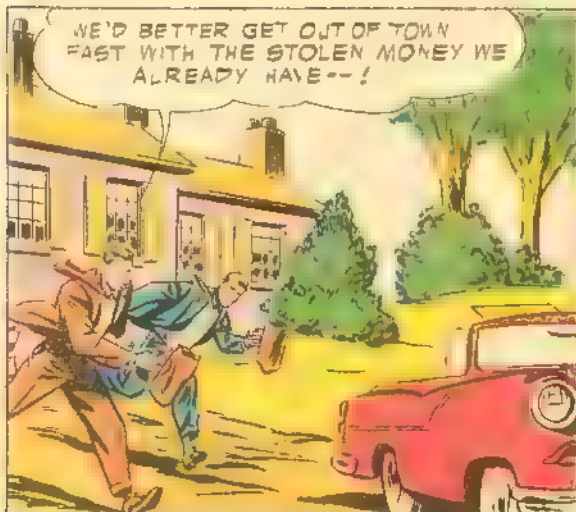
I'VE **GOT** TO GET EVIDENCE TO CONVICT VORRELL, BEFORE HE PLANS MORE THEFTS! HMM-- IF HE WEARS WHAT I **THINK** HE'D BE WEARING, I CAN WORK ON HIM! BUT I MUSTN'T LET LOIS FOLLOW ME!

THINK SO, SUPERMAN? LOIS STILL WORKS HER SECRET METHOD...

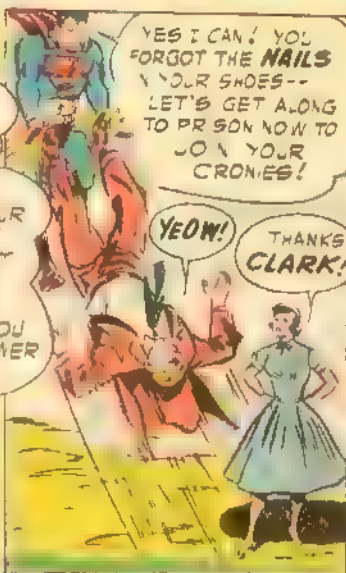
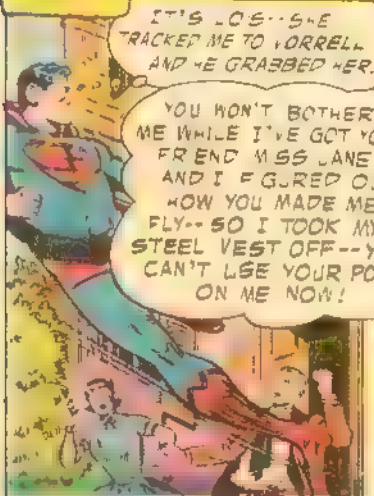
CLARK **SUPERMAN** KENT CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME! I CAN TRACK HIM NO MATTER WHERE HE GOES!



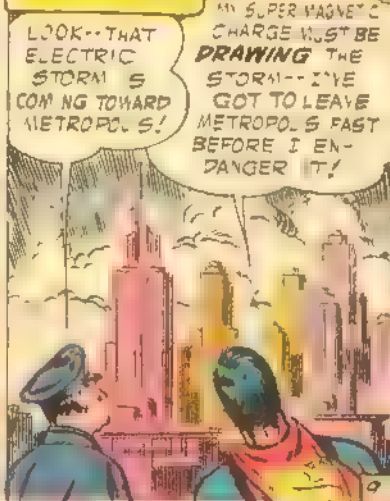




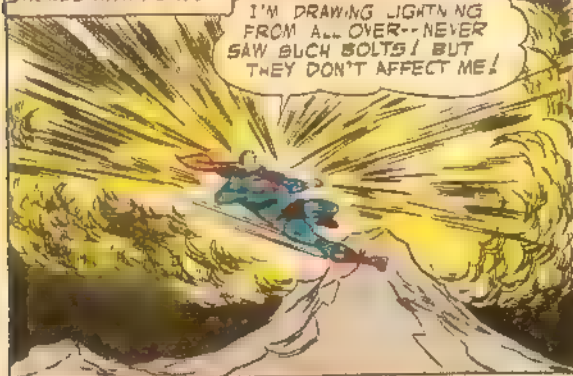
SHORTLY AFTER, **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO MORRELL'S HOUSE, BUT...



BUT **SUPERMAN'S** WORRIES AREN'T OVER.

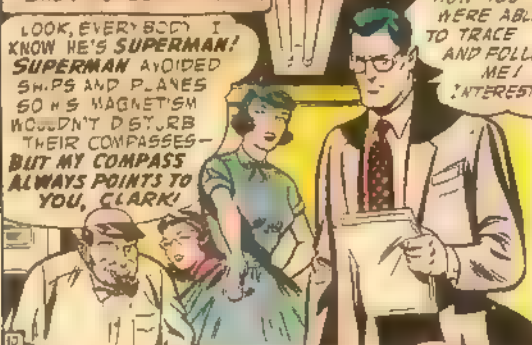


AND THE STORM VEERS TO FOLLOW SUPERMAN AS HE STREAKS TO A Distant MOUNTAIN-TOP--THEN STRIKES WITH FURY!



I'M DRAWING LIGHTNING FROM ALL OVER--NEVER SAW SUCH BOLTS! BUT THEY DON'T AFFECT ME!

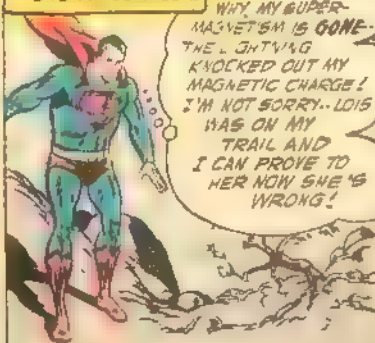
NOT LONG AFTER, HE'S SWITCHED BACK TO CLARK KENT.



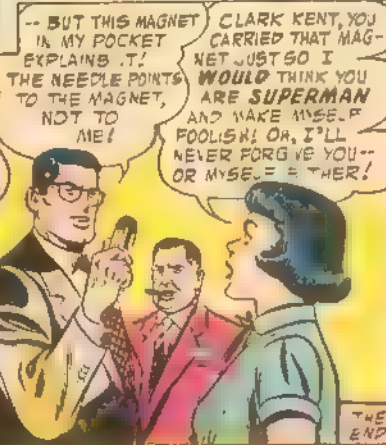
LOOK, EVERYBODY, I KNOW HE'S SUPERMAN! SUPERMAN AVOIDED SHIPS AND PLANES SO HIS MAGNETISM WOULDN'T DISTURB THEIR COMPASSES--BUT MY COMPASS ALWAYS POINTS TO YOU, CLARK!

SO THAT'S HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO TRACE AND FOLLOW ME! INTERESTING.

DON'T THEY? WHEN THE STORM CEASES...



WHY MY SUPER-MAGNETISM IS GONE--THE LIGHTNING KNOCKED OUT MY MAGNETIC CHARGE! I'M NOT SORRY--LOIS WAS ON MY TRAIL AND I CAN PROVE TO HER NOW SHE'S WRONG!



-- BUT THIS MAGNET IN MY POCKET EXPLAINS IT! THE NEEDLE POINTS TO THE MAGNET, NOT TO ME!

CLARK KENT, YOU CARRIED THAT MAGNET JUST SO I WOULD THINK YOU ARE SUPERMAN AND MAKE MYSELF FOOLISH! OR, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU--OR MYSELF--FOR THIS!

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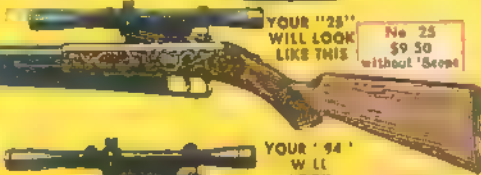
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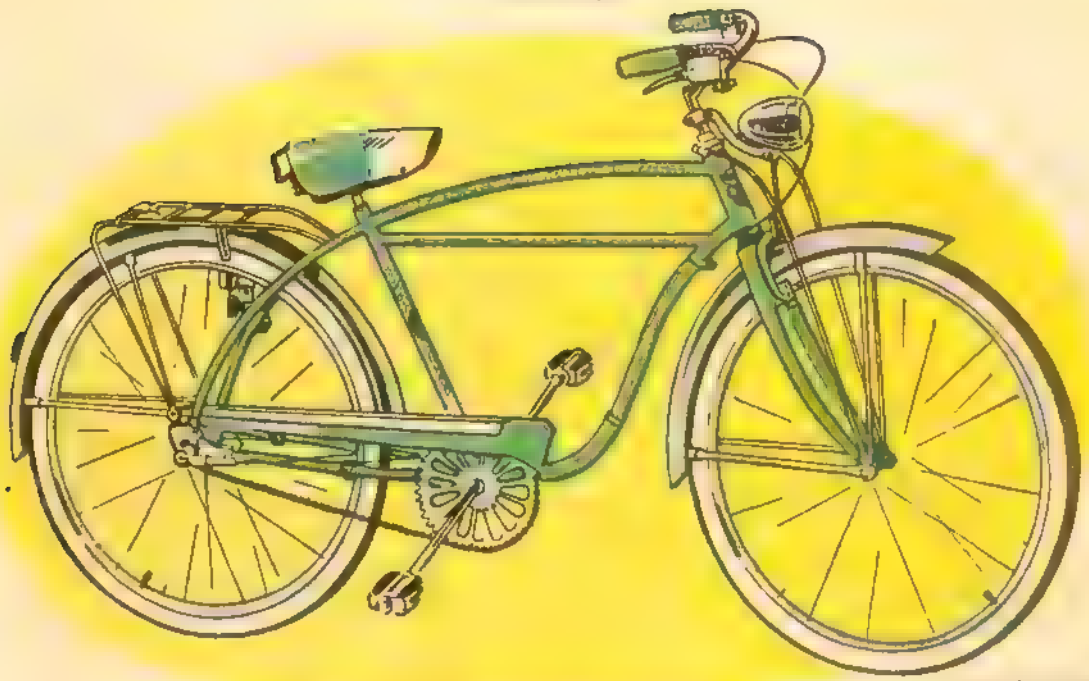
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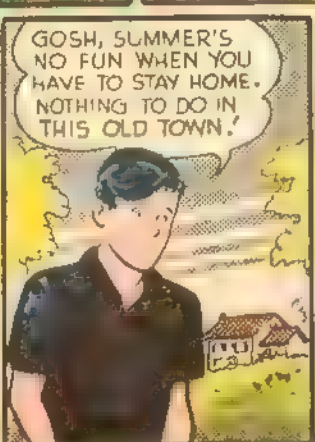
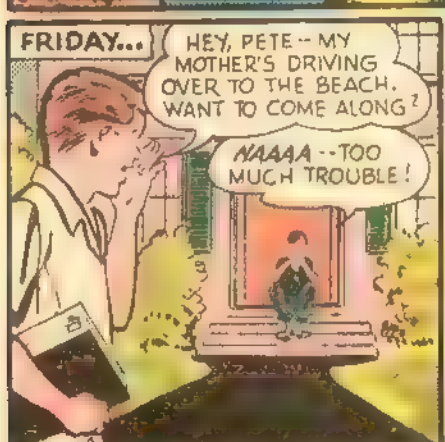
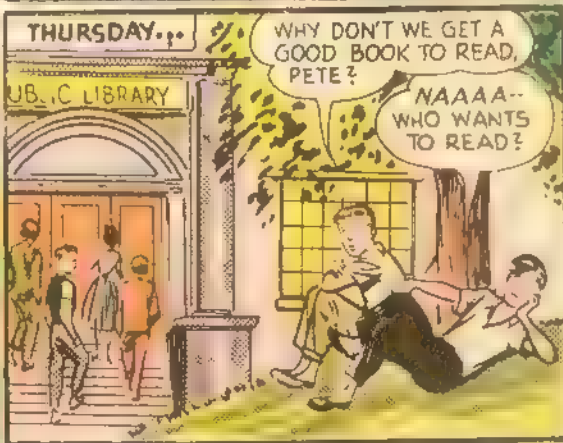
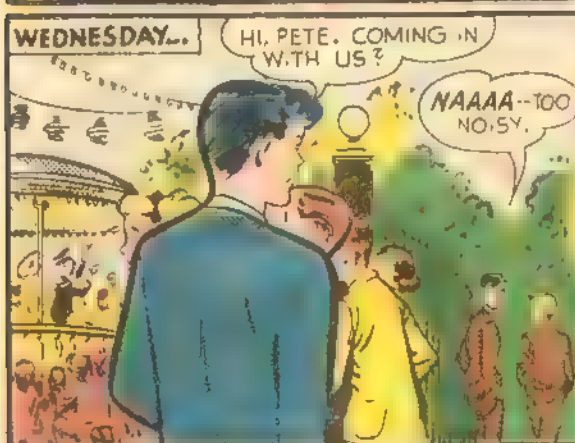
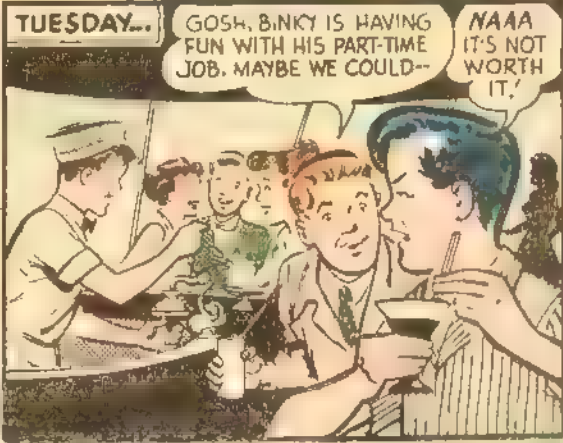
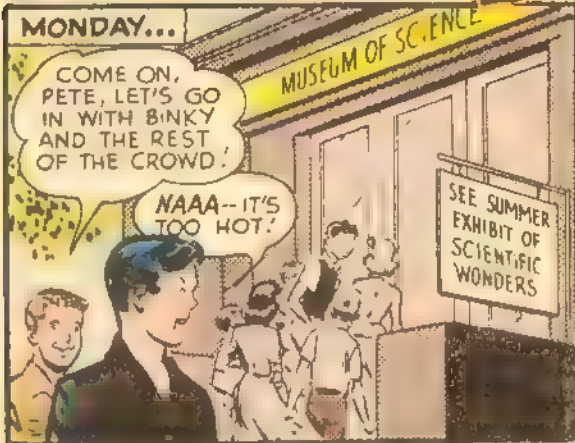
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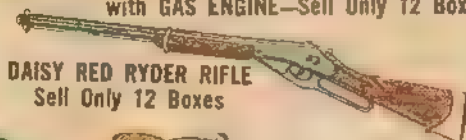


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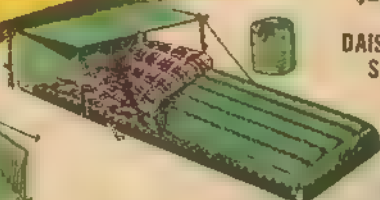
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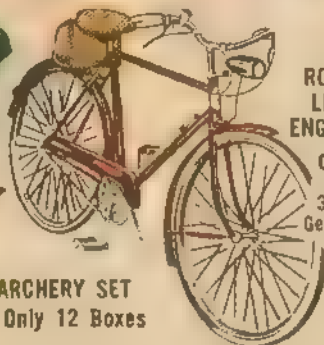
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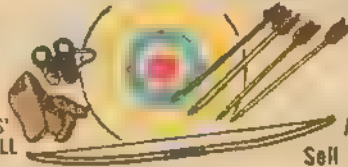


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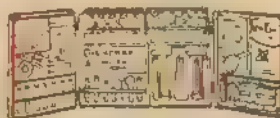
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CONGO BILL-- WITCH DOCTOR



CONGO BILL THINK HE STOP ELEPHANT STAMPEDE WITH HIS JUMBO-JUMBO BUT HE GET KILLED!

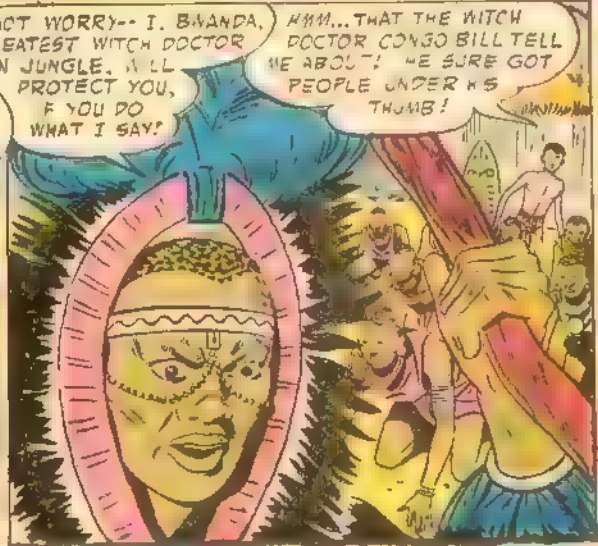
ONE DAY, AS JANU THE JUNGLE BOY WAITS IMPATIENTLY IN AN AFRICAN VILLAGE FOR HIS COMPANION, CONGO BILL...

BAD NEWS, CHIEF-- BIG EXPLOSION BY WORKERS BUILDING ROAD IN NORTH MAKE ANIMALS STAMPEDE EVERYWHERE!

CRABPING CROCODILES!... I HOPE NOTHING HAPPEN TO CONGO BILL! HE SHOULD BE HERE BY NOW!

NOT WORRY-- I, BWANDA, GREATEST WITCH DOCTOR IN JUNGLE, WILL PROTECT YOU, IF YOU DO WHAT I SAY!

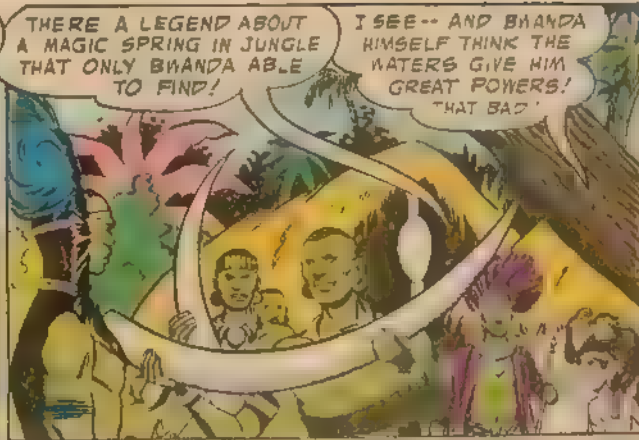
MMM... THAT THE WITCH DOCTOR CONGO BILL TELL ME ABOUT! HE SURE GOT PEOPLE UNDER HIS THUMB!





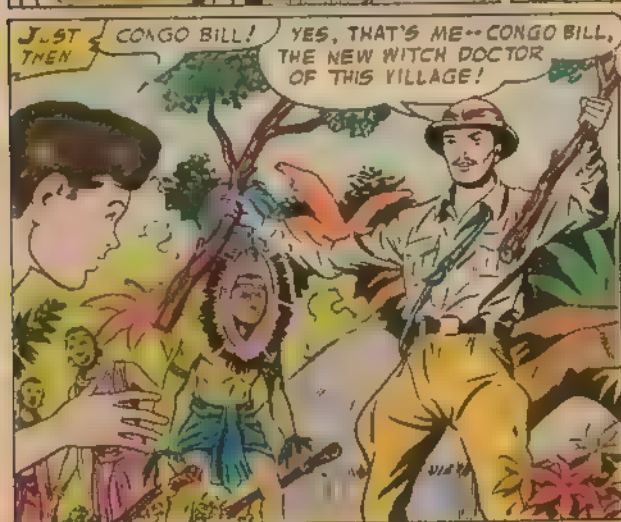
YES, JANU--AND THAT A VERY BAD THING FOR VILLAGE!

HOW HE SUPPOSED TO GET HIS MAGIC POWERS, CHIEF?



THERE A LEGEND ABOUT A MAGIC SPRING IN JUNGLE THAT ONLY BHANDA ABLE TO FIND!

I SEE-- AND BHANDA HIMSELF THINK THE WATERS GIVE HIM GREAT POWERS! THAT BAD!



JUST THEN

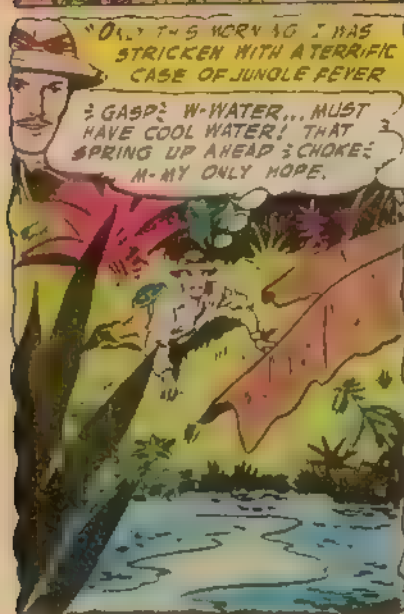
CONGO BILL!

YES, THAT'S ME--CONGO BILL, THE NEW WITCH DOCTOR OF THIS VILLAGE!



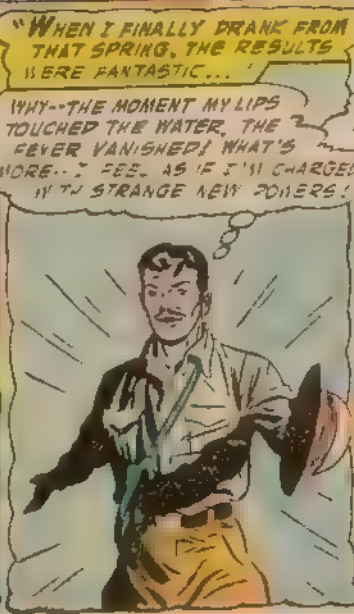
YOU?... A WITCH DOCTOR? WHAT YOU MEAN, CONGO B...

HARD TO BELIEVE, EH, JANU? THEN I STEN-- AND I'LL TELL YOU



"ONLY THIS MORNING I WAS STRICKEN WITH A TERRIFIC CASE OF JUNGLE FEVER

I GASP! W-WATER... MUST HAVE COOL WATER! THAT SPRING UP AHEAD! CHOOKEE! M-MY ONLY HOPE.



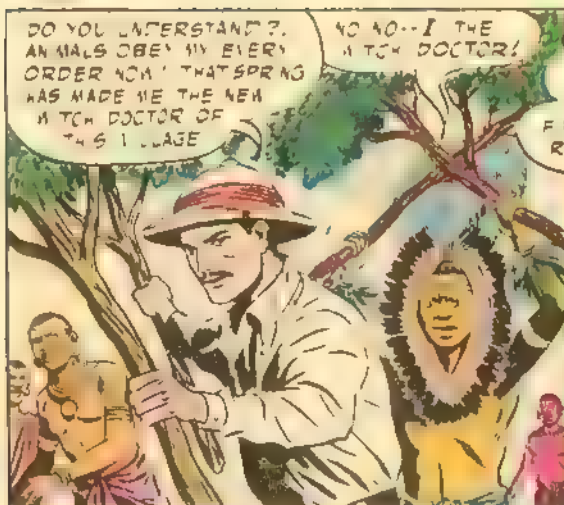
"WHEN I FINALLY DRANK FROM THAT SPRING, THE RESULTS WERE FANTASTIC..."

WHY--THE MOMENT MY LIPS TOUCHED THE WATER, THE FEVER VANISHED! WHAT'S MORE... I FEEL AS IF I'VE CHARGED WITH STRANGE NEW POWERS!



"INDEED, SHORTLY AFTER THAT, WHEN A HUNT RHINOCEROS CAME CHARGING AT ME...

THAT'S RIGHT... LIE DOWN AND ROLL OVER!



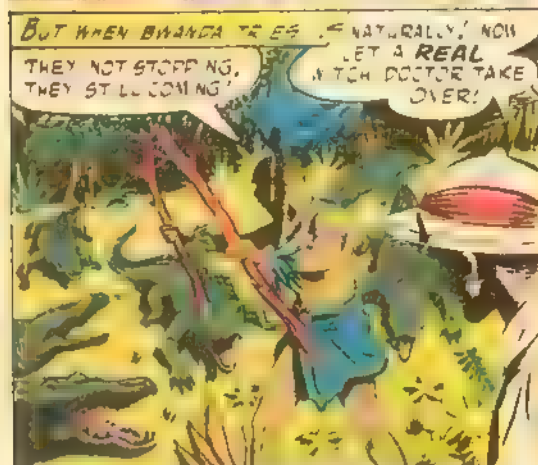
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
ANIMALS OBEY MY EVERY
ORDER NOW! THAT SPRING
HAS MADE ME THE NEW
WITCH DOCTOR OF
THIS VILLAGE

NO NO--I THE
WITCH DOCTOR!

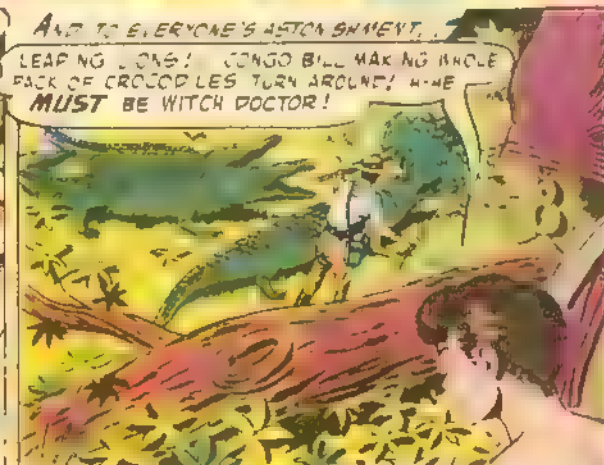


SUDDENLY...
LOOK! HUNDREDS
OF CROCODILES--
FLEEING FROM FOREST
FIRE, THEY WILL OVER-
RUN VILLAGE.

NOW WE'LL SEE WHICH ONE OF
US SHOULD BE THE WITCH
DOCTOR. GO AHEAD
BWANDA TRI AND
STOP THEM!



BUT WHEN BWANDA TRIES 'NATURALLY' NOW
THEY NOT STOPPING.
THEY STILL COMING!
LET A REAL
WITCH DOCTOR TAKE
OVER!

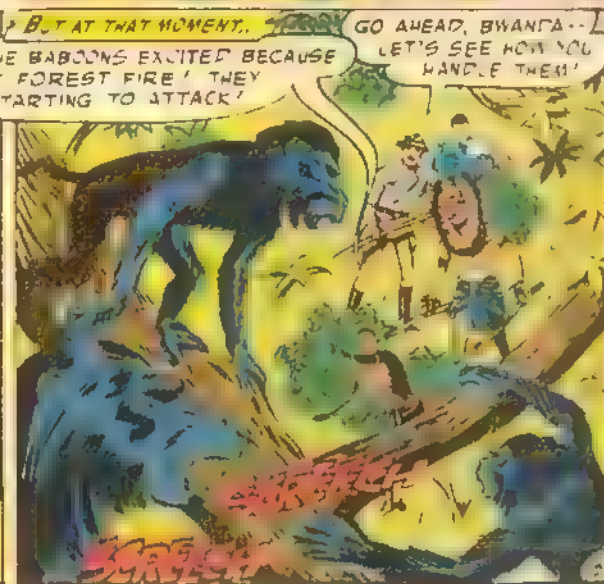


AND TO EVERYONE'S ASTONISHMENT,
LEAPING LONG! CONGO BILL MAKING WHOLE
PACK OF CROCODILES TURN AROUND! HE
MUST BE WITCH DOCTOR!



WHEN BILL RETURNS
HA, HA--YOU SEEM TO
BE LOSING YOUR OLD
POWERS, BWANDA.
ARE YOU READY TO
RECOGNIZE ME AS
THE NEW WITCH
DOCTOR?

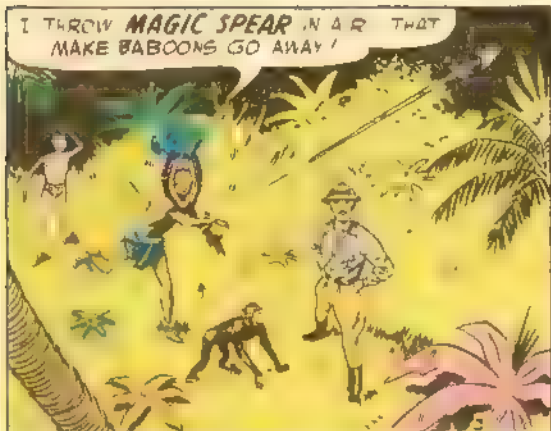
I DON'T LIKE
CONGO BILL AS
WITCH DOCTOR.
I HOPE HE
LOSES HIS POWERS
TOO!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT,
THE BABOONS EXCITED BECAUSE
OF FOREST FIRE! THEY
STARTING TO ATTACK!

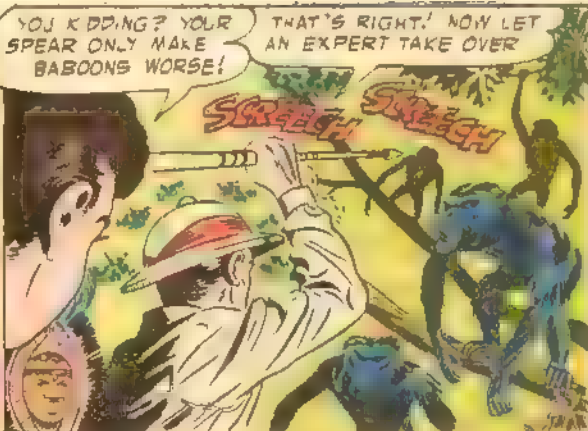
GO AHEAD, BWANDA--
LET'S SEE HOW YOU
HANDLE THEM!

I THROW **MAGIC SPEAR** IN A R THAT
MAKE BABOONS GO AWAY!



YOU KIDDING? YOUR
SPEAR ONLY MAKE
BABOONS WORSE!

THAT'S RIGHT! NOW LET
AN EXPERT TAKE OVER



AND CAGE AGAIN, AS THE
ADVENTURER-TURNED-
WITCH DOCTOR GOES
INTO ACTION

SURE ENOUGH, IN THE NEXT INSTANT
IT--IT WORKED AGAIN!
CONGO BILL REALLY A
WITCH DOCTOR!

LATER HOWEVER, BILL GETS THE
BIGGEST CHANCE OF ALL TO PROVE
HIMSELF



THAT'LL
DO IT!



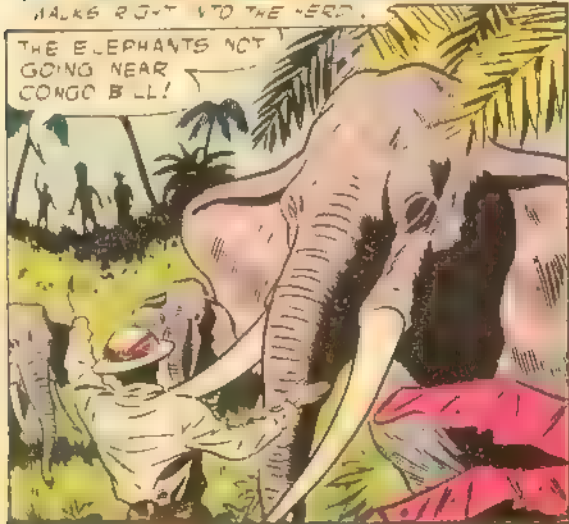
LOOK, BWANDA--
A HERD OF WILD
ELEPHANTS! LET'S
SEE IF YOU HAVE
THE POWER TO
WALK AMONG
THEM WITHOUT
BEING HARMED!

NO, NO-- THEY
TRAMPLE ME TO
DEATH! MY POWER
NOT THAT
GREAT.



YET AMAZINGLY, AS THE ACE ADVENTURER BOLDLY
WALKS RIGHT INTO THE HERD.

THE ELEPHANTS NOT
GOING NEAR
CONGO BILL!



PRESENTLY.

YOU RIGHT, CONGO BILL... MY
POWERS MUST BE WEARING OFF!
I GO INTO JUNGLE NOW AND GET
ANOTHER DRINK FROM MAGIC
SPRING!





HEAR THAT?
COME ON,
JANU--WE
MUST FOLLOW
HIM!

NO-- THAT MAGIC
SPRING NO GOOD!
LET BWANDA BE
WITCH DOCTOR...
I LIKE YOU AS
PLAIN OLD
CONGO BILL!

DON'T BE SILLY, JANU...
I'VE ONLY BEEN
PUTTING ON AN
ACT AS A
WITCH DOCTOR!
FOLLOW ME--
AND I'LL
EXPLAIN AS
WE GO ALONG...

JUMPING
GIRAFFES!...
YOL BET!



FIRST OF ALL,
TELL ME HOW
YOL MAKE WHOLE
PACK OF CROCODILES
TURN AWAY, CONGO
BILL!

I ONLY TURNED **ONE**
OF THEM AWAY, JANU--
BUT HE HAPPENED
TO BE THE
LEADER OF
THAT MIGRATION!

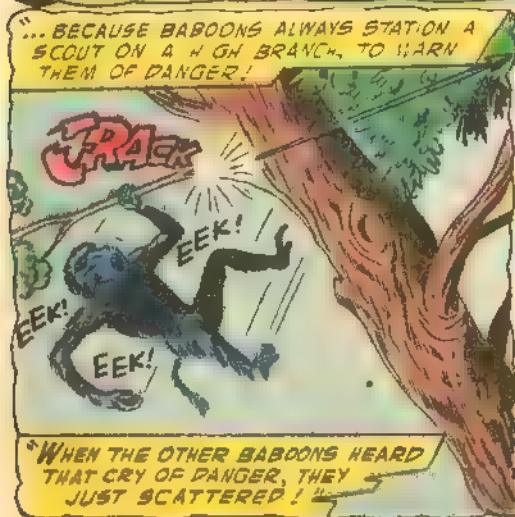


"YOU SEE, CROCS ALWAYS FOLLOW THEIR LEADER BY SCENT--
AND SO..."

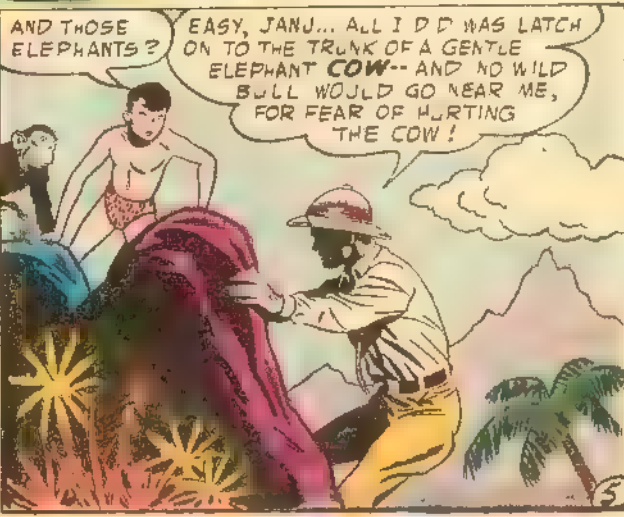
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS START THIS
LEAD CROC GOING IN ANOTHER
DIRECTION-- BY TEMPTING HIM
WITH THIS BAIT! THE BRANCHES
I'M HOLDING WILL HIDE WHAT
I'M DOING FROM THE OTHERS!

THAT GREAT--
BUT HOW YOU
MAKE THOSE
BABOONS
DISAPPEAR
WITH MAGIC
SPEAR?

THERE WAS
NOTHING MAGICAL
ABOUT THAT SPEAR!
ALL I DID WAS
THROW IT AT A
DISTANT BRANCH...



"... BECAUSE BABOONS ALWAYS STATION A
SCOUT ON A HIGH BRANCH, TO WARN
THEM OF DANGER!



AND THOSE
ELEPHANTS?

EASY, JANU... ALL I DID WAS LATCH
ON TO THE TRUNK OF A GENTLE
ELEPHANT **COW**-- AND NO WILD
BULL WOULD GO NEAR ME,
FOR FEAR OF HURTING
THE COW!

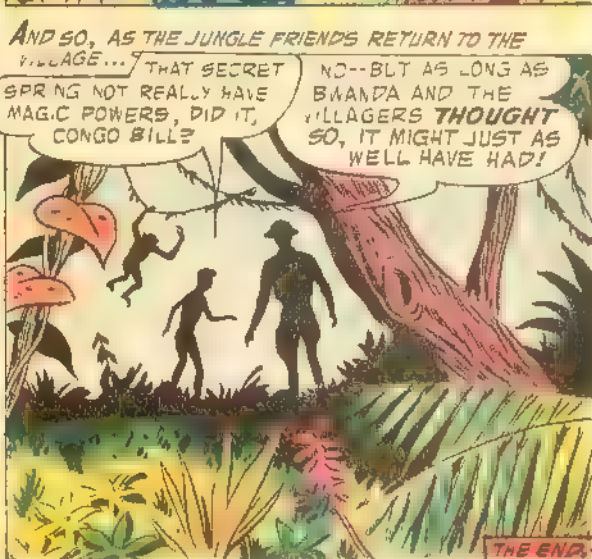
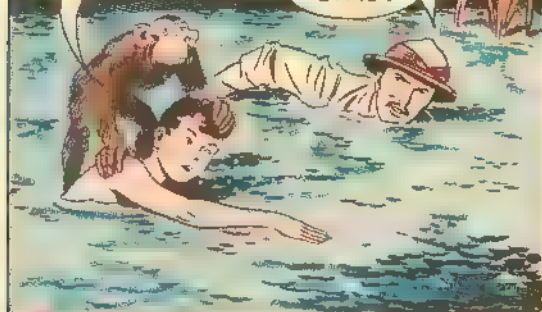
"WHEN THE OTHER BABOONS HEARD
THAT CRY OF DANGER, THEY
JUST SCATTERED!"

BUT WHY YOU
PLAY THIS
TRICK IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?

TO MAKE BWANDA THINK HIS
POWERS WERE SLIPPING SO
HE'D DECIDE TO GO BACK
TO THAT "MAGIC" SPRING
FOR ANOTHER DRINK,
JANU!

I GET IT-- YOU WANTED
HIM TO HEAD FOR SPRING
SO YOU COULD FOLLOW
HIM AND FIND OUT
WHERE IT IS!

EXACTLY--WE FOLLOWED
BWANDA'S DIRECTION, BUT
MANAGED TO KEEP **AHEAD**
OF HIM! WAIT--THERE'S
THE SPRING NOW... I MUST
DESTROY IT BEFORE HE
CATCHES UP!



ABRUPTLY...
Y--YOU DESTROY
SECRET SPRING! BUT
WHY? WHEN **YOU**
LOSE POWERS, YOU
NOT BE ABLE TO
DRINK EITHER!

RIGHT, BWANDA--BUT
MAYBE THE VILLAGE
WILL BE BETTER
OFF WITHOUT **ANY**
WITCH DOCTORS!

AND SO, AS THE JUNGLE FRIENDS RETURN TO THE
VILLAGE... THAT SECRET
SPRING NOT REALLY HAVE
MAGIC POWERS, DID IT,
CONGO BILL?

NO--BUT AS LONG AS
BWANDA AND THE
VILLAGERS **THOUGHT**
SO, IT MIGHT JUST AS
WELL HAVE HAD!

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Let me give you some facts and figures. The *basking shark* is 30 feet long and weighs five tons! The boat we use to hunt them in is 36 feet long—only six feet longer than the sharks!—and weighs about the same as the shark.

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My partner, Jim Wallace, had a perpetual bone to pick with me on the question of the buyer's bonuses. For I had steadfastly refused to go for the bait.

"We're businessmen, Jim," I always told him. "And as businessmen, we should be willing to take the normal risks of an already risky business. But going after those big babies increases the risks to a point beyond which we shouldn't be willing to go!"

It wasn't the bonus that mattered so much to Jim. It was a question of prestige to him. I sympathized with him, but I held fast to my objections.

I would never forget the six tonner that had turned on us. You've got to

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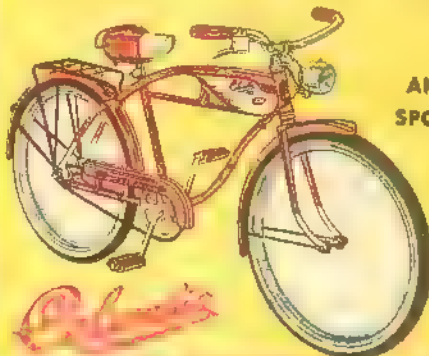
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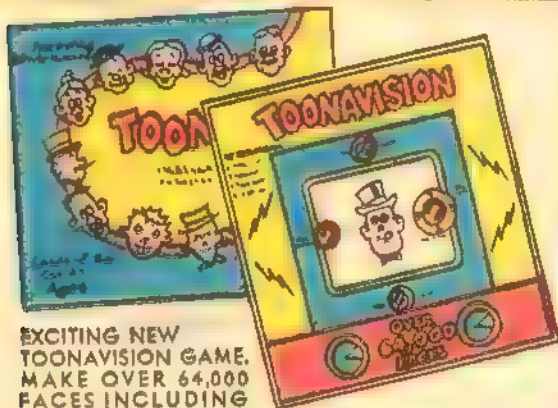
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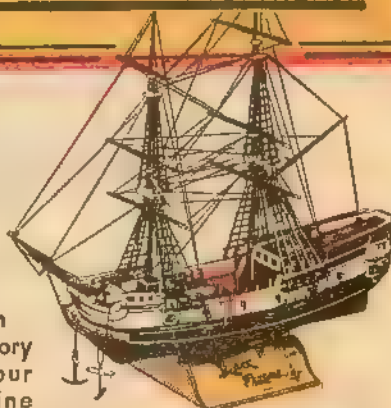


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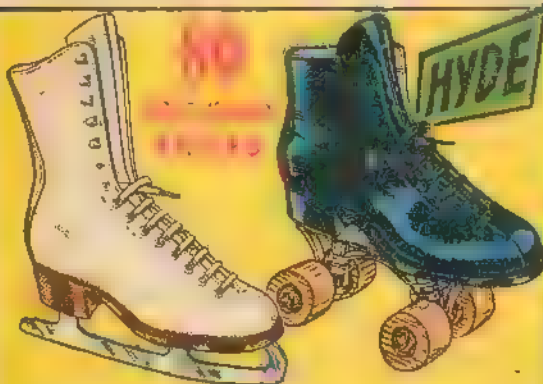
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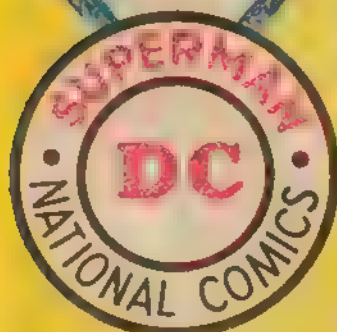
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So you can imagine how I felt when, on our last trip out, I came up on deck from below just in time to see Jim fire the harpoon gun. I came alongside him as the ninety fathoms of rope began to twist off into the sea

"Big one?" I asked, idly

"Not bad," said Jim, without looking at me. It was the way he said it that made me suspicious

"How big?" I asked, insistently

Then Jim turned. "It's a six-tonner, Joe—and you're not going to make me free it! It's the biggest fish I've ever seen! We'll go down in history!"

I admit it—I was scared. "We can't handle a six-tonner with this launch, Jim! Use your head!"

But it was hopeless trying to reason with Jim. On the other end of our rope was a prize no sharkhunter could be expected to relinquish. I gave up battling with Jim, and decided to save my energies for the shark.

It was two o'clock in the afternoon

when Jim sank his harpoon into the shark. By two o'clock the next afternoon, we were still being dragged along with undiminished speed by the racing fish.

Twice the first day, the fish had turned on us. And only skillful handling of the wheel had averted disaster.

Get this: at two o'clock on the next day, we were still being towed at a dizzying speed. That was a total of 24 hours that the shark had sped at top speed. And it was far from beaten.

That night, the shark, with seeming intelligence, headed us straight for a transatlantic steamer, which we missed by mere feet. Earlier that day, the shark had made a complete circle and was heading back in the direction from which we had started

And by the next day—almost 36 hours after harpooning the big fish—it gave up the fight. By this time, we were almost back where we started. The buyer drew alongside in his big supply ship. His eyes popped when he glanced over at the fish

"You get the bonus for bringing in that baby!" he cried.

"You got it wrong," I said. "We didn't bring the shark in—it brought us in!"

But that technicality didn't stop us from accepting the cash bonus!

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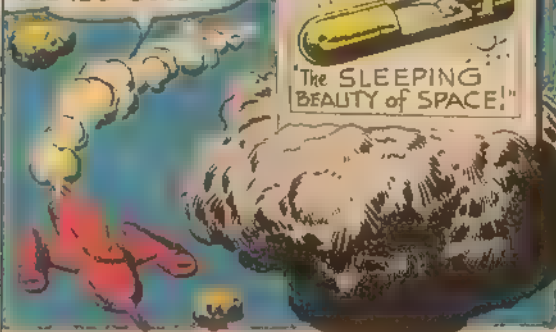
THIS TOPS
ANYTHING I'VE
EVER FOUND IN
SPACE!

WHO IS THE SLEEPING
GIRL FOUND FLOATING IN
SPACE? FROM WHENCE
HAS HER GLASS CASE
DRIFTED? IS IT A CLEVER
HOAX, OR SOME UNEARTHLY
RIDDLE OF SPACE AND
TIME? SUCH IS THE
MYSTERY THAT Baffles
TOMMY TOMORROW
WHEN HE FINDS...

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SLEEPING
BEAUTY
of SPACE!"**

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COLONEL TOMMY TOMORROW AND HIS CO-PILOT,
CAPTAIN BRENT WOOD, COME ACROSS A TEMPTING
SPACE BILLBOARD...

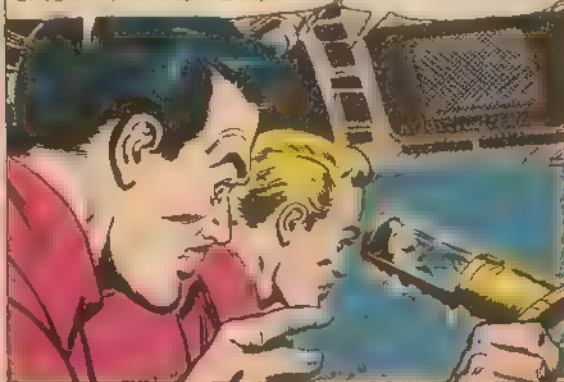
SAY... LET'S TAKE IN THAT
MOVIE, TOMMY! IT
SOUNDS GOOD!

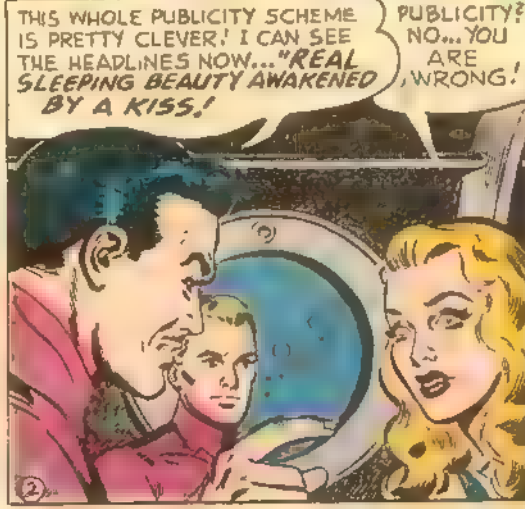
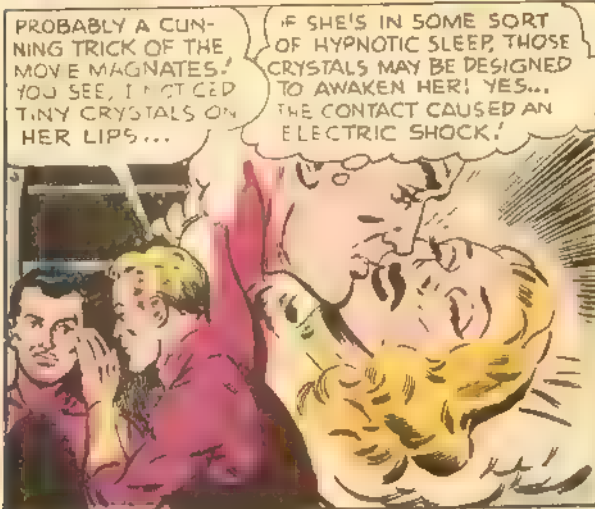
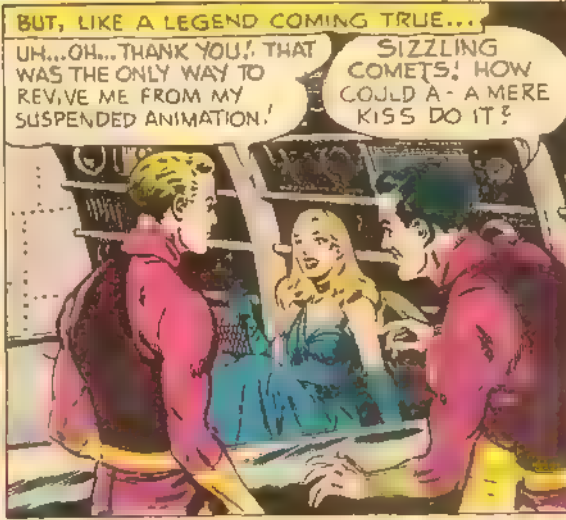
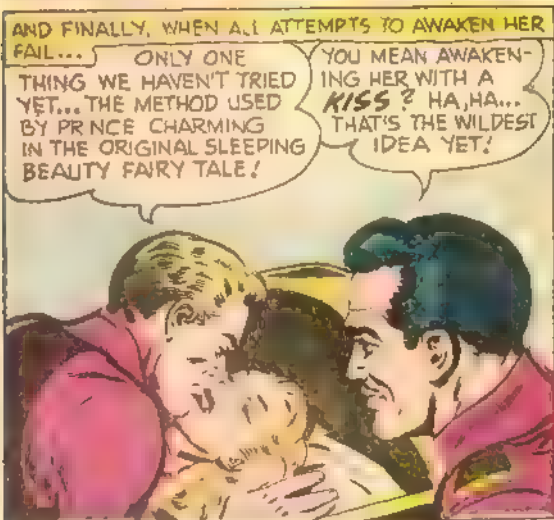
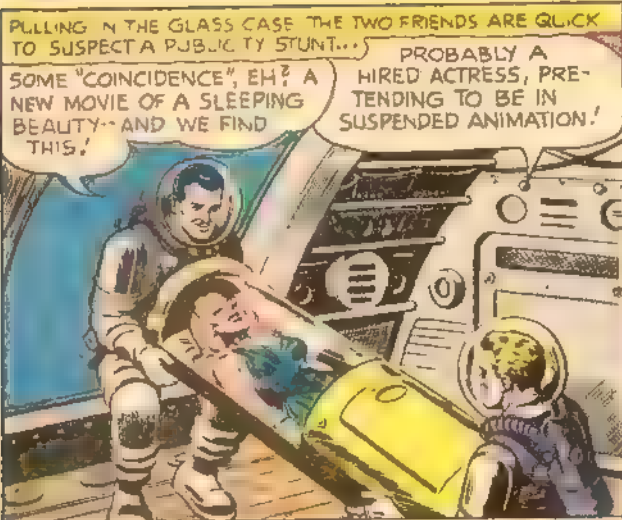


BUT BEFORE REACHING EARTH, THEY COME
UPON A STARTLING SIGHT...

GREAT STARS! LOOK, TOMMY...
A GIRL IN A GLASS CASE--JUST
LIKE IN THAT MOVIE AD!

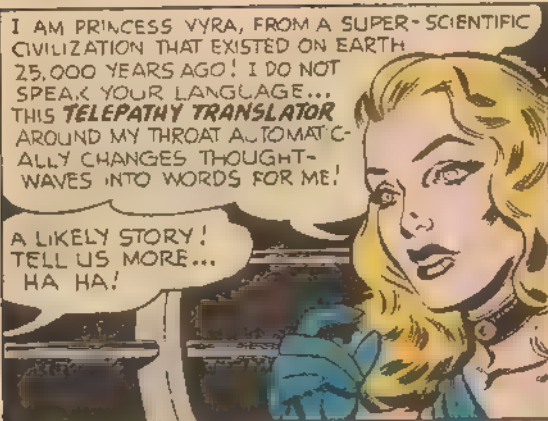
PULL UP
ALONGSIDE
HER... SEE
WHAT THE GAG IS.





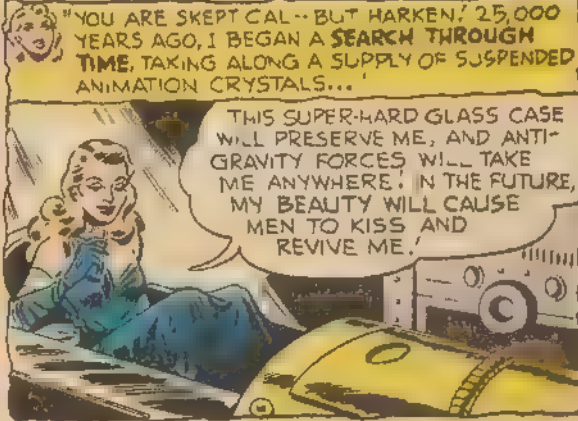
I AM PRINCESS VYRA, FROM A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC CIVILIZATION THAT EXISTED ON EARTH 25,000 YEARS AGO! I DO NOT SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE... THIS **TELEPATHY TRANSLATOR** AROUND MY THROAT AUTOMATICALLY CHANGES THOUGHT-WAVES INTO WORDS FOR ME!

A LIKELY STORY!
TELL US MORE...
HA HA!



"YOU ARE SKEPTICAL--BUT HARKEN! 25,000 YEARS AGO, I BEGAN A **SEARCH THROUGH TIME**, TAKING ALONG A SUPPLY OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION CRYSTALS..."

THIS SUPER-HARD GLASS CASE WILL PRESERVE ME, AND ANTI-GRAVITY FORCES WILL TAKE ME ANYWHERE! IN THE FUTURE, MY BEAUTY WILL CAUSE MEN TO KISS AND REVIVE ME!

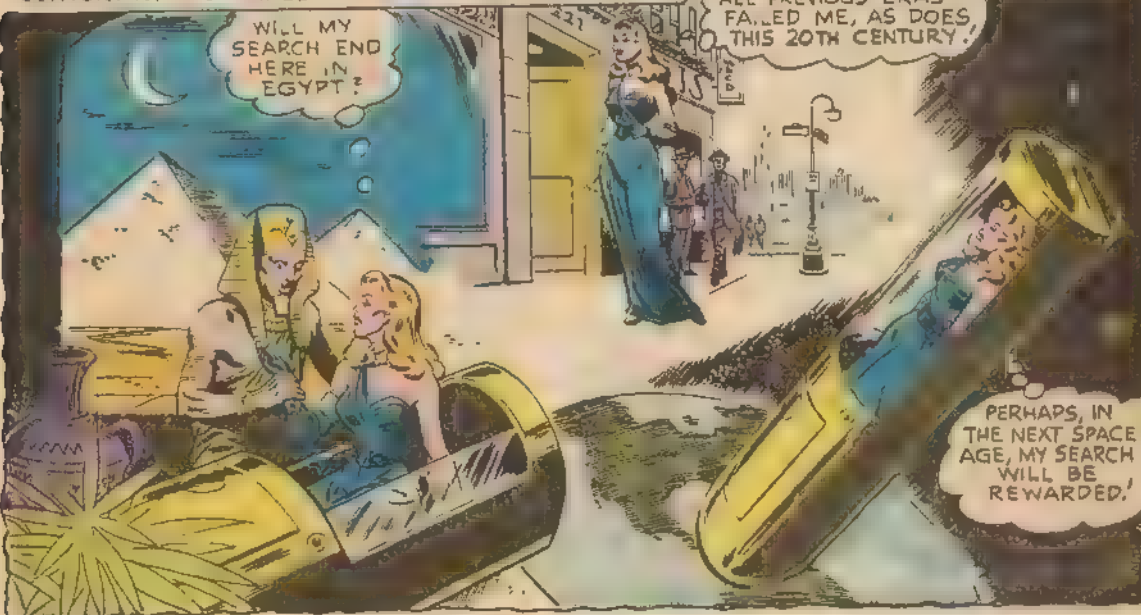


"THUS I AWOKE IN MANY ERAS--LIKE ANCIENT EGYPT... ROME... THE MIDDLE AGES... THE 20TH CENTURY... AND FINALLY I FLOATED INTO SPACE!"

WILL MY SEARCH END HERE IN EGYPT?

ALL PREVIOUS ERAS FAILED ME, AS DOES THIS 20TH CENTURY!

PERHAPS, IN THE NEXT SPACE AGE, MY SEARCH WILL BE REWARDED!

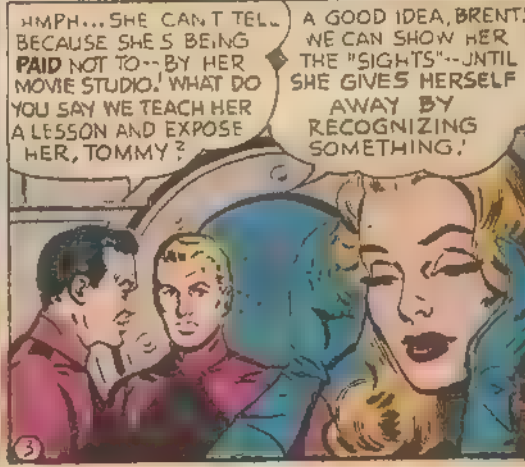
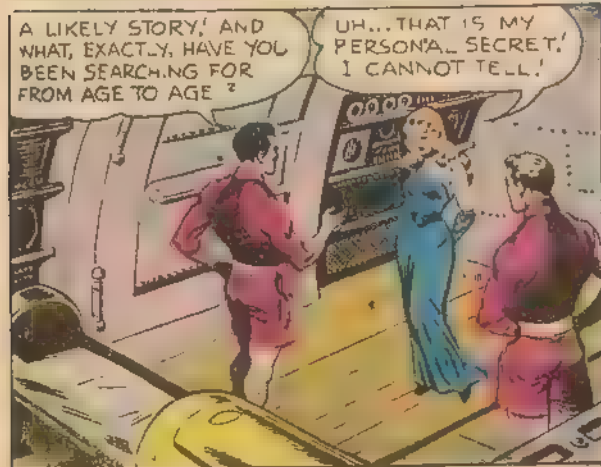


A LIKELY STORY! AND WHAT, EXACTLY, HAVE YOU BEEN SEARCHING FOR FROM AGE TO AGE?

UH... THAT IS MY PERSONAL SECRET! I CANNOT TELL!

HMMPH... SHE CAN'T TELL BECAUSE SHE'S BEING PAID NOT TO--BY HER MOVIE STUDIO! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE TEACH HER A LESSON AND EXPOSE HER, TOMMY?

A GOOD IDEA, BRENT! WE CAN SHOW HER THE "SIGHTS"--UNTIL SHE GIVES HERSELF AWAY BY RECOGNIZING SOMETHING!



THIS TOURING THE SPACE WONDERS OF 2056, THE **PLANETEERS** PLAY A SUBTLE GAME OF WITS WITH THE UNKNOWN GIRL...

THIS IS THE LARGEST PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM PRINCESS, WITH 12 MOONS

IF SHE SLEEPS AND CALLS IT **JUPITER** I'LL PROVE SHE'S HEARD THE NAME BEFORE



NEXT, ON THE FAMOUS **HOTHOUSE WORLD...**

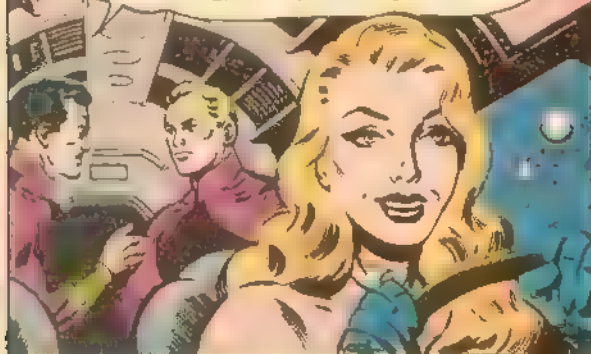
WHAT GORGEOUS FLOWERS, ESPECIALLY THIS ONE!

LOOK BRENT, SHE SHOWS NO FEAR OF THAT DANGEROUS ONE! QUICK... OUR RAY GUNS!



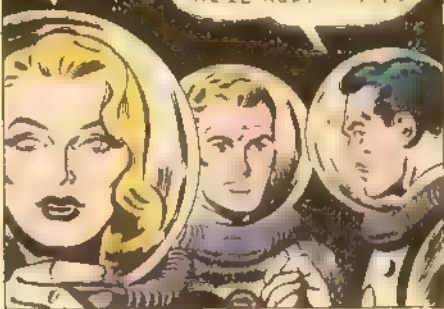
UPON RETURNING TO THEIR SHIP...

THIS'LL EXPOSE HER FOR SURE... LETTING HER TAKE THE CONTROLS FOR A "THREE!" THE SPACE WONDER THAT LIES AHEAD WILL SOON MAKE HER CONFESS SHE'S PULLING A HOAX!



HOW AMAZING THAT THIS GIANT SIXTH PLANET HAS SO MANY MOONS!

I DIDN'T WORK TOMMY! SHE'S WELL COACHED NOT TO MAKE A SLEEP OF THE TONGUE. BUT WE'LL KEEP TRYING



HELP!

APPARENTLY SHE'S NEVER HEARD OF THAT **TENTACLE PLANT!**

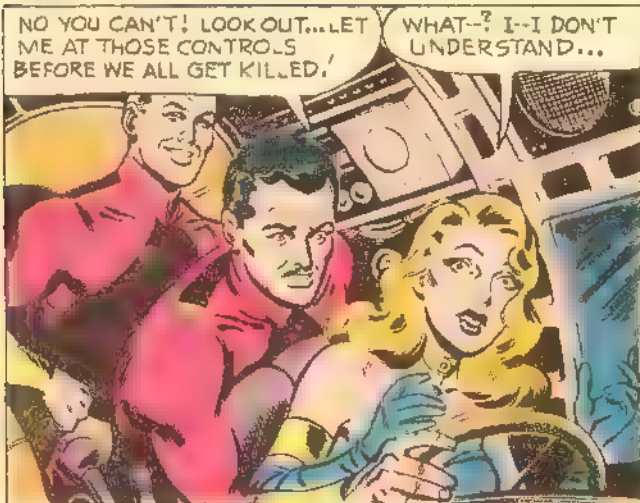
BAH! SHE KNEW SHE WAS SAFE WITH YOU ALONG, TOMMY! THIS PROVES NOTHING!



SOON... WATCH OUT, PRINCESS. THAT'S A **SPACE RAINBOW** DIRECTLY IN OUR PATH!

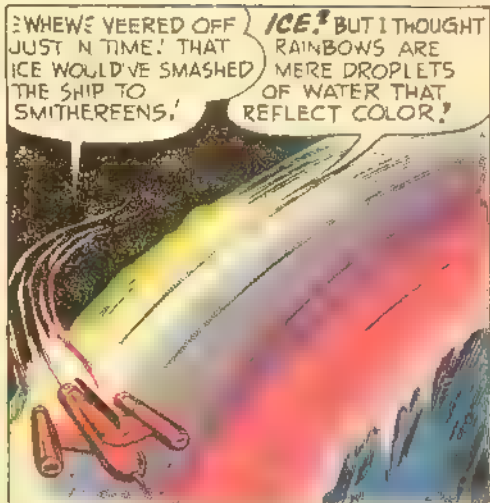
SO WHAT? I CAN DRIVE RIGHT THROUGH IT!





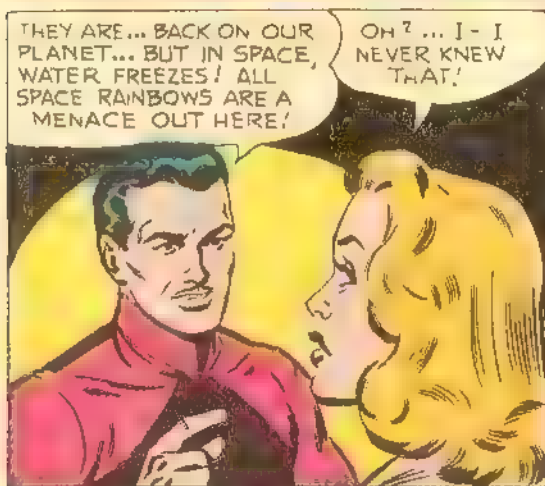
NO YOU CAN'T! LOOK OUT...LET ME AT THOSE CONTROLS BEFORE WE ALL GET KILLED!

WHAT-? I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



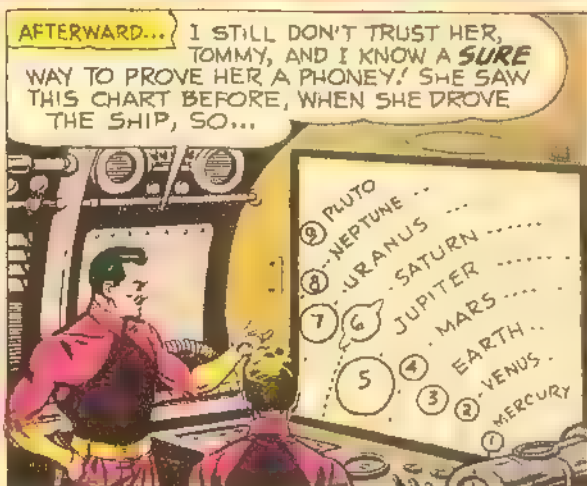
WE'VE VEERED OFF JUST IN TIME! THAT ICE WOULD'VE SMASHED THE SHIP TO SMITHEREENS!

ICE? BUT I THOUGHT RAINBOWS ARE MERE DROPLETS OF WATER THAT REFLECT COLOR!

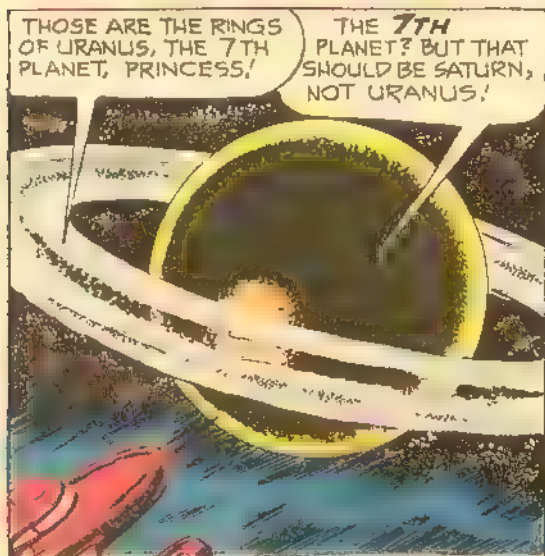


THEY ARE... BACK ON OUR PLANET... BUT IN SPACE, WATER FREEZES! ALL SPACE RAINBOWS ARE A MENACE OUT HERE!

OH? ... I- I NEVER KNEW THAT!



AFTERWARD... I STILL DON'T TRUST HER, TOMMY, AND I KNOW A **SURE** WAY TO PROVE HER A PHONEY! SHE SAW THIS CHART BEFORE, WHEN SHE DROVE THE SHIP, SO...



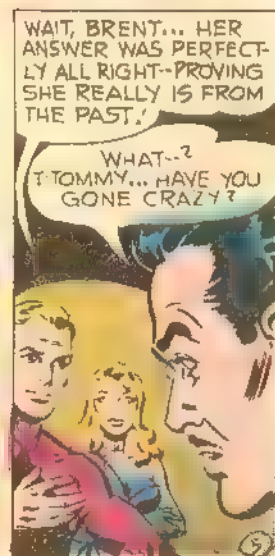
THOSE ARE THE RINGS OF URANUS, THE 7TH PLANET, PRINCESS!

THE 7TH PLANET? BUT THAT SHOULD BE SATURN, NOT URANUS!



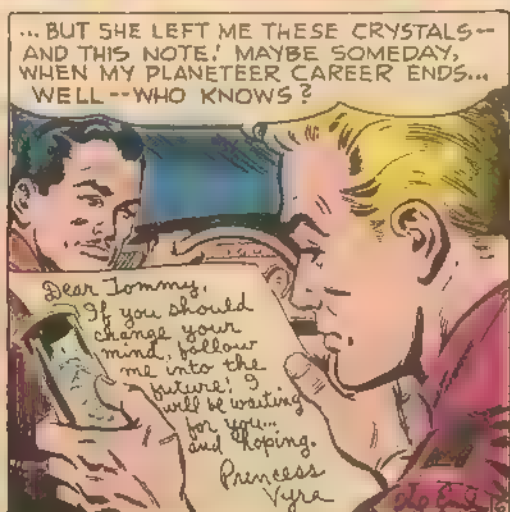
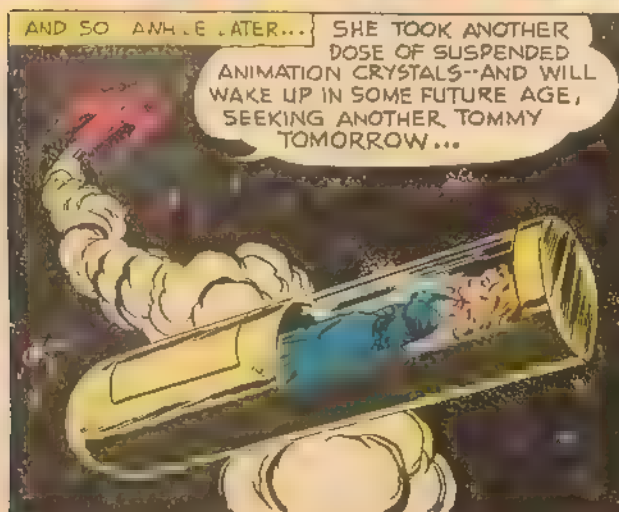
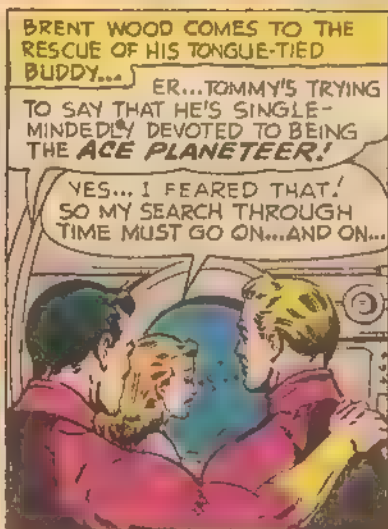
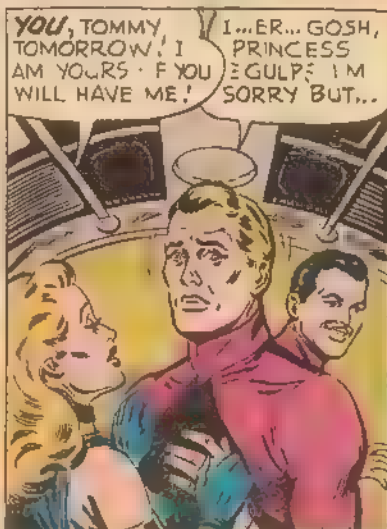
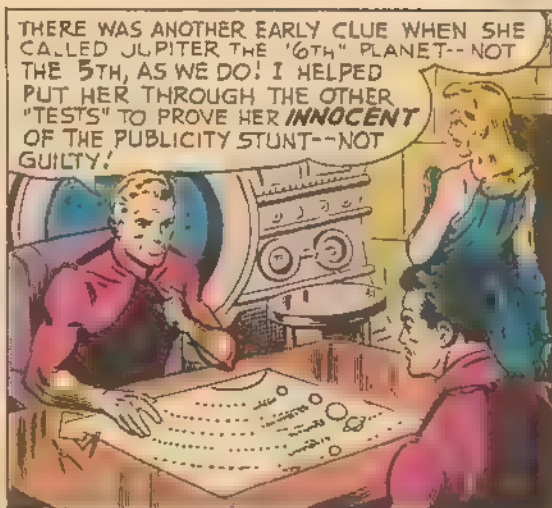
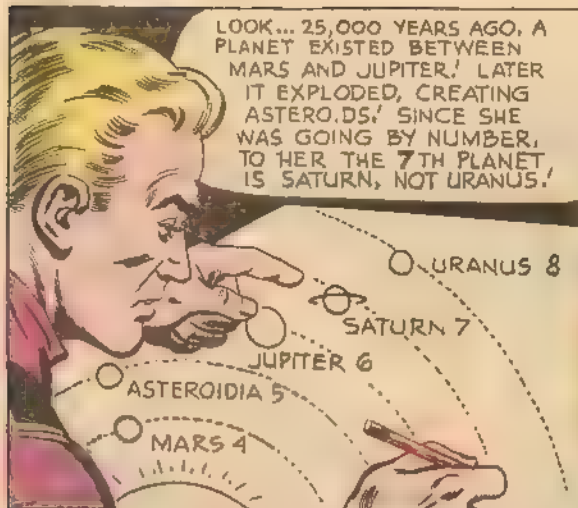
AHA! YOU CORRECTED MY "ERROR" WITHOUT THINKING! WE NEVER TOLD YOU SATURN WAS THE PLANET WITH RINGS--SO HOW COULD YOU KNOW?

BUT...UH...OH, HOW CAN I EXPLAIN?



WAIT, BRENT... HER ANSWER WAS PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT--PROVING SHE REALLY IS FROM THE PAST!

WHAT-? TOMMY... HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?

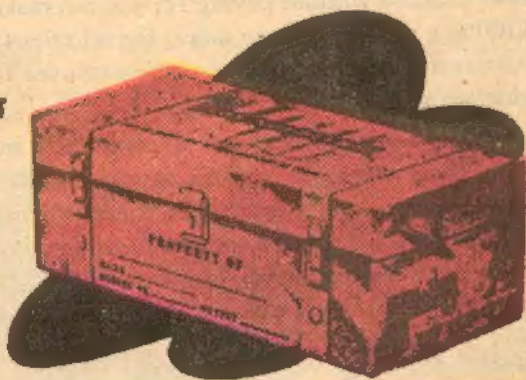


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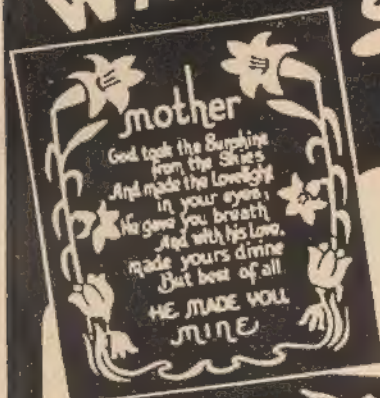
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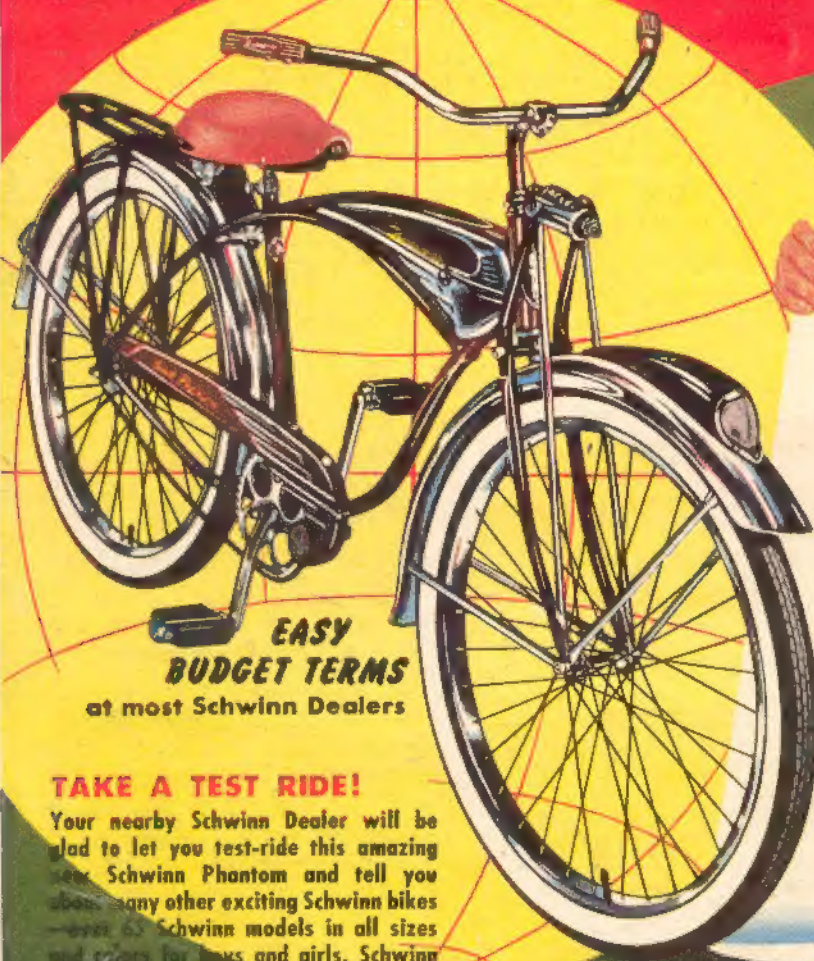
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